(b) if so, whether Indian Airlines has been asked to keep in mind medium and long haul operations around the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) As the fleet acquisition proposal presently under examination was about 3 years old, Indian Airlines are re-examining the plan in the light of the changes in the market scenario on account of this lapse of time. IA have been advised to apprise the Government of the outcome of their exercise for further action expeditiously.

Morning Flight between Delhi and Guwahati

2105. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce a morning flight from Guwahati to Delhi and an afternoon flight from Delhi to Guwahati; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) The time slots are proposed by the airlines themselves on the basis of commercial inputs and operational feasibility. However, Alliance Air has started a thrice weekly morning flights on Guwahati-Delhi *(via* Bagdogra) sector *w.e.f.* 17.08.2004.

Amritsar Airport as an International Airport

2106. SHRI TARLOCHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to make Amritsar Airport as an international airport;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned therefor;

(c) the details of progress of the work ;

(d) the reasons for the delay; and

(e) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CML AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Amritsar airport has already been declared as an International Airport.